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REF: A. USMTM 090735Z OCT 73 (NOTAL)

B. USCINCEUR ECJ7-QP 18112 DTG 291822Z OCT 73

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1. I FULLY SHARE THE VIEW OF CHIEF, USMTM THAT A UTILITY-TYPE AIRCRAFT IS URGENTLY NEEDED IN SAUDI ARABIA. IN ADDITION TO USMTM'S NEED FOR CARGO-CARRYING CAPABILITY, WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED BY TWO C-118'S NOW DUE IN DECEMBER-JANUARY, THERE IS A NEED FOR A SMALL, RELIABLE EXECUTIVE-TYPE AIRCRAFT TO SERVE OUR NEEDS FOR FLEXIBLE IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORT. DOD HAS TOLD USMTM THAT AS OF NOVEMBER 15 IT WILL BE LATE 1974 BEFORE A SMALL UTILITY-TYPE AIRCRAFT CAN BE PROVIDED SAUDI ARABIA. I WOULD APPRECIATE DOD TAKING ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS LATE DELIVERY DATE.

2. RECENT EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ILLUSTRATE VIVIDLY THAT WE ARE ENTERING AN ERA IN WHICH FAST-MOVING EVENTS REQUIRE THAT ALL ELEMENTS OF THE USG IN SAUDI ARABIA BE IN CLOSE  
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PROGRAMS AND THE MANY SENSITIVE POLICY QUESTIONS WE MAY BE REQUIRED TO DISCUSS WILL NECESSITATE FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS BY MYSELF AND MY STAFF WITH CHUSMTM AND MEMBERS OF HIS MISSION. THE SHIFTING LOCALE OF THE KING, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND THE REMAINDER OF THE CABINET, WHO DIVIDE THEIR YEAR BETWEEN JIDDA, TAIF AND RIYADH, ALSO NECESSITATES INCREASED FLEXIBILITY ON OUR PART, AND AN ABILITY TO ESCAPE THE CONFIRMES OF FREQUENTLY UNRELIABLE AND INCONVENIENT COMMERCIAL AIRLINE SCHEDULES. IN ADDITION TO ASSISTING CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY, A RELIABLE EXECUTIVE-TYPE AIRCRAFT WILL IMPROVE INTERNAL USMTM MOBILITY AND WILL BE A GREAT HELP IN ALLOWING MORE FLEXIBLE IN-COUNTRY SCHEDULING OF THE GROWING NUMBER OF SENIOR MILITARY, CIVILIAN AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS FROM WASHINGTON.

3. I HOPE THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE CAN TAKE ACTION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT TO PROVIDE THE CHIEF OF USMTM, DHAHRAN, WITH SUITABLE AIRCRAFT.  
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